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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1) deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2) added matter is shown by underlining.

1-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A trimming material for an automobile comprising:

a surface skin material;

a base material; and

a colored film interposed between the surface skin material and the base material comprising;

a surface-side adhesion layer bonded to the surface skin material, and

a base-side adhesion layer bonded to the base material, and

a barrier layer interposed between the surface-side adhesion layer and the base-side adhesion layer and bonded thereto;

a first mutual adhesion layer interposed between the surface-side adhesion layer and the barrier layer, and

a second mutual adhesion layer interposed between the base-side adhesion layer and the barrier layer,

wherein;

~~the surface-side adhesion layer and the base-side adhesion layer are made of materials that melt with heat; and~~

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each of the surface-side adhesion layer and the base-side adhesion layer is a solid layer made of resin and is melted by heat to a liquid phase during formation of the trimming material;

the barrier layer is made of a non-permeable resin material that prevents the melted surface-side adhesion layer and the melted base-side adhesion layer from entering the barrier layer;

the barrier layer has a melting point that is higher than a melting point of either of the individual melting points of the surface-side adhesion layer and the base-side adhesion layer; and

each of the first mutual adhesion layer and the second mutual adhesion layer is made of resin having a melting point lower than the melting point of the barrier layer.

8. (Original) A trimming material as in claim 7, wherein the surface skin material is colored with a first color, and at least one of the surface-side adhesion layer, the base-side adhesion layer, and the barrier layer, is colored with a second color.

9. (Original) A trimming material as in claim 8, wherein the second color is the same as or similar to the first color.

10. (Original) A trimming material as in claim 8, wherein the second color is an achromatic color that has substantially the same brightness as the first color.

11. (Original) A trimming material as in claim 8, wherein at least one of the base-side adhesion layer and the barrier layer is colored with the second color.

12. (Original) A trimming material as in claim 7, wherein the surface skin material is colored with a first color, and at least two of the surface-side adhesion layer, the base-side adhesion layer, and the barrier layer, are respectively colored with a second and third color, that exhibits a fourth color when all of the colors are overlaid with each other.

13. (Original) A trimming material as in claim 12, wherein the fourth color is the same as or similar to the first color.

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14-18. (Cancelled)

19-20. (Previously Cancelled)